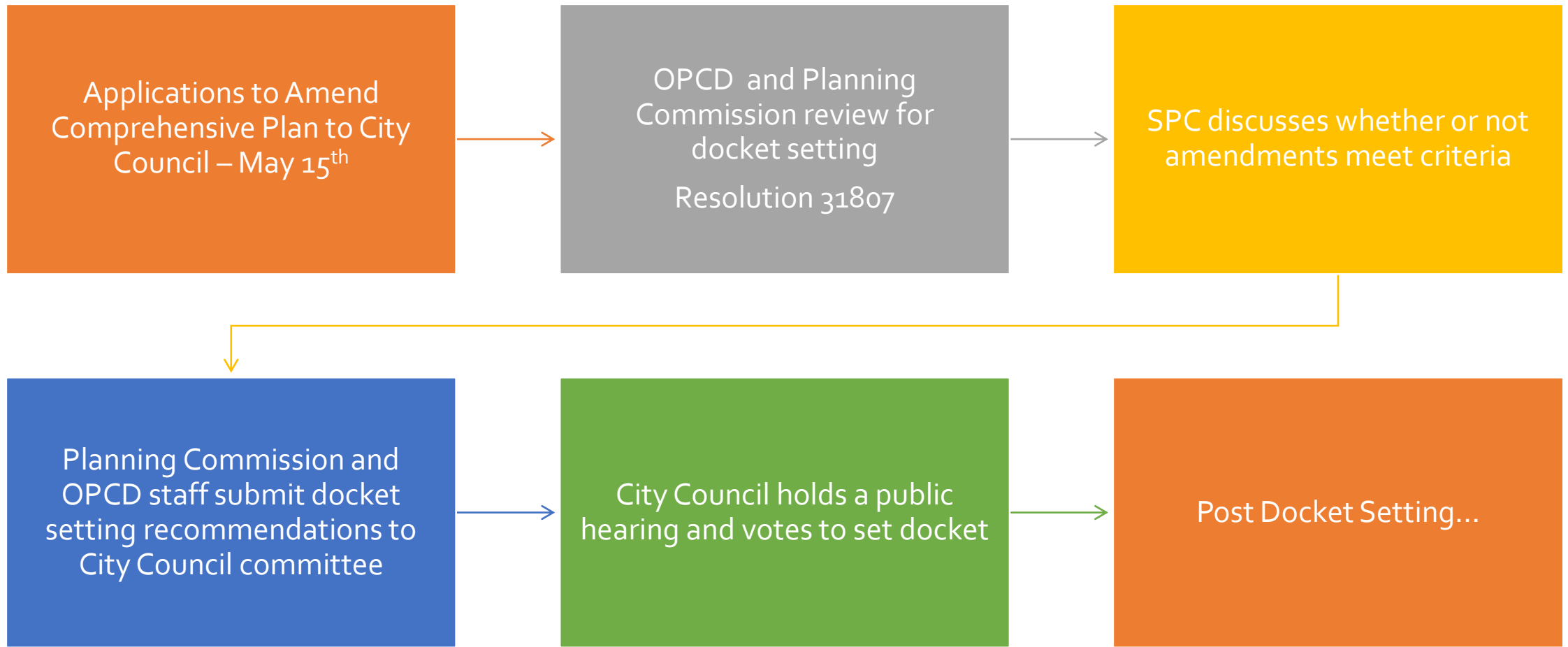
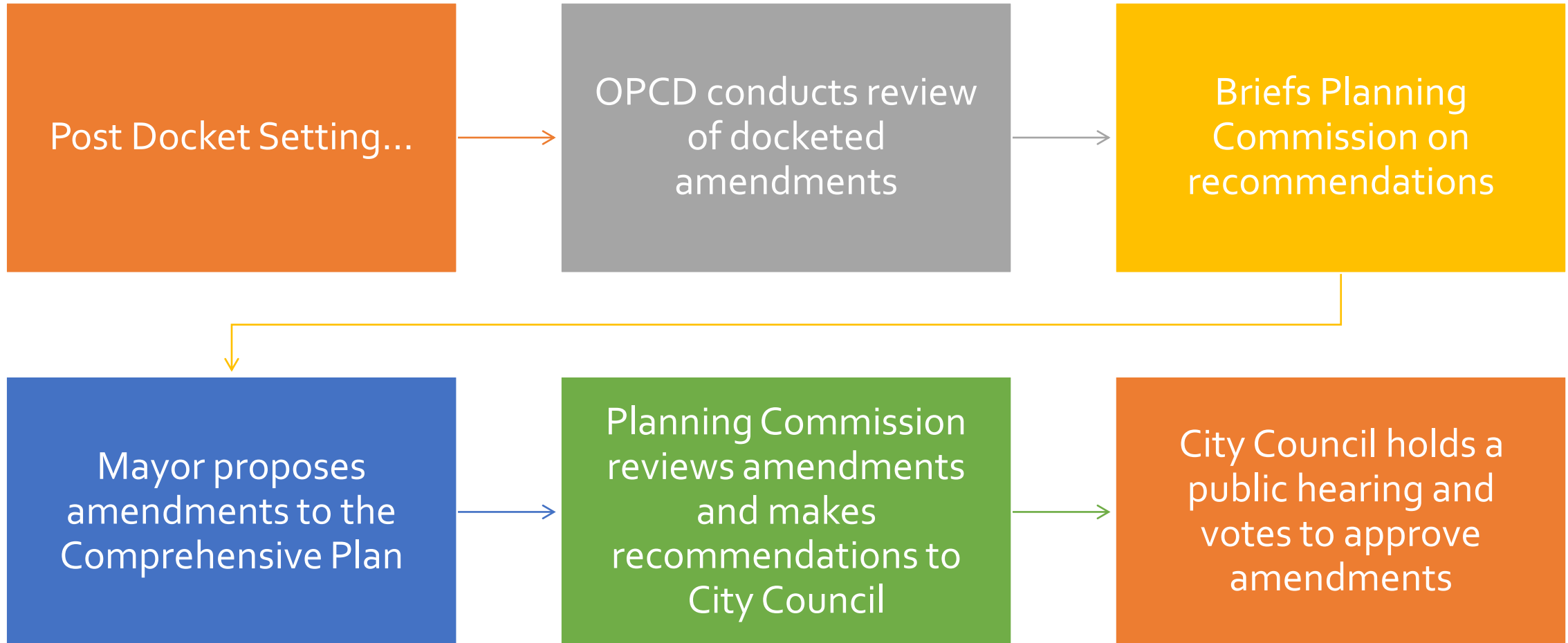


2020-2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Docketing Recommendations

Docket Setting



Post Docket Setting



Docketing Criteria (Res. 31807)

A. The amendment is legal under state and local law.

B. The amendment is appropriate for the Comprehensive Plan because:

1. It is consistent with the role of the Comprehensive Plan under the State Growth Management Act;
2. It is consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies and with the multi-county policies contained in the Puget Sound Regional Council's regional growth strategy;
3. Its intent cannot be accomplished by a change in regulations alone;
4. It is not better addressed as a budgetary or programmatic decision; and
5. It is not better addressed through another process, such as activities identified in departmental work programs under way or expected in the near future, within which the suggested amendment can be considered alongside other related issues.

Docketing Criteria (Res. 31807)

C. It is practical to consider the amendment because:

1. The timing of the amendment is appropriate, and Council will have sufficient information to make an informed decision;
2. City staff will be able to develop within the time available the text for the Comprehensive Plan and, if necessary, amendments to the Municipal Code, and to conduct sufficient analysis and public review; and
3. The amendment is consistent with the overall vision of the Comprehensive Plan and well-established Comprehensive Plan policy, or the Mayor or Council wishes to consider changing the vision or established policy.

D. If the amendment has previously been proposed, relevant circumstances have changed significantly so that there is sufficient cause for reconsidering the proposal.

Docketing Criteria (Res. 31807)

E. If the amendment would change a neighborhood plan, there is evidence that proponents of the amendment, or other persons, have effectively communicated the substance and purpose of the amendment with those who could be affected by the amendment and there is documentation provided of community support for the amendment.

F. The amendment is likely to make a material difference in a future City regulatory or funding decision.

G. A proposal that would change the boundary of an urban center, urban village, or manufacturing/industrial center requires an amendment to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM), regardless of the area's size. However, an amendment that proposes to change the FLUM is not necessary and will not be considered when it would affect an area that is less than a full block in size and is located adjacent to other land designated on the FLUM for a use that is the same as – or is compatible with – the proposed designation.

2020-2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- City Council received 11 proposals from members of the public to consider for the 2020-2021 Comprehensive Plan docket
 - Future Land Use Map (FLUM): 1 proposed amendment
 - Text: 10 proposed amendments
- Executive has not completed review of a number of items that were docketed under Resolution 31896 for potential consideration in 2020
- The Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee may also consider docketing these items

SPC Schedule

- June 25: Preliminary review of amendments
- July 23: Review staff draft recommendations
- August 13: Action on final recommendations

#1: Extend the University District Urban Center

(Recommend to docket)

Extend the University District Urban Center boundary to include eight lots along the western side of 15th Ave NE between NE 56th St and NE Ravenna Blvd and change the FLUM designation from Multi-Family Residential to University District Urban Center

- Not previously submitted
- Meets the criteria and warrants further study
- In particular, this application meets the intent of criterion G, which requires an amendment to the FLUM for any proposal that would change the boundary of an urban center, urban village, or manufacturing/industrial center, regardless of the area's size.

#2: West Seattle High Bridge emergency closure

(Recommend not to docket)

Amend City policies to assist in mitigating the emergency closure of the West Seattle High Bridge

- Not previously submitted
- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion B₄ and B₅
- This proposal would be better addressed through a budgetary or programmatic decision or another process, such as activities identified in departmental work programs under way or expected soon, within which the suggested amendment can be considered alongside other related issues

#3: Potential Landslide Area Covenants

(Recommend not to docket)

Cease the practice of issuing 'Potential Landslide Area Covenants' to properties in Seattle's Environmental Critical Areas

- Not previously submitted
- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion B3
- The intent of this proposal can be accomplished by a change in regulations
- Potential Landslide Area Covenants are addressed in the Seattle Municipal Code and those regulations are consistent with the general policy intent of the Comprehensive Plan regarding Environmental Critical Areas

#4: Pedestrian Grade Separations

(Recommend not to docket)

Amend the Transportation Element to discourage pedestrian grade separations such as skybridges, aerial trams or tunnels

- Previously submitted, most recently in 2019-2020 cycle (not docketed)
- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D
- Proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

#5: Yards and Trees

(Recommend not to docket)

Amend the Land Use Element to clarify policies related to yards and trees

- Previously submitted, most recently in 2019-2020 cycle (not docketed)
- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D
- Proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

#6: Open and Participatory Government

(Recommend not to docket)

Add an Open and Participatory Government element or appendix

- Previously submitted, most recently in 2019-2020 cycle (not docketed)
- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D
- Proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

#7: Demolition and Displacement

(Recommend not to docket)

Amend the Land Use Element to discourage demolition of residences and displacement of residents

- Previously submitted, most recently in 2019-2020 cycle (not docketed)
- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D
- Proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

#8: Heavy Vehicles

(Recommend not to docket)

Amend the Transportation Element to minimize damage to streets from heavy vehicles

- Previously submitted, most recently in 2019-2020 cycle (not docketed)
- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D
- Proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

#9: Development Monitoring

(Recommend not to docket)

Amend the Plan to require monitoring of development and a special review procedure related to development

- Previously submitted, most recently in 2019-2020 cycle (not docketed)
- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D
- Proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

#10: Rezones and Conditional Uses

(Recommend not to docket)

Amend the Land Use Element to require zone and rezone criteria and public notice, outreach and inclusiveness

- Previously submitted, most recently in 2019-2020 cycle (not docketed)
- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D
- Proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

#11: Tree Canopy and Urban Forest

(Recommend not to docket)

Amend various sections of the Comprehensive Plan to support the protection of trees

- Previously submitted, most recently in 2019-2020 cycle (not docketed)
- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D
- Proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

Previously Docketed Amendments

- Of the eight proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments that were docketed by the City Council in Resolution 31896 for further analysis, five were not analyzed in 2019-2020 annual amendment cycle
- Planning Commission has concerns about waiting until the next Major Update of the Comprehensive Plan in 2024 for consideration of these proposed amendments
- Encourage the City Council to move forward on these amendments sooner where appropriate

Alternative Name for Single Family Zones

- City Council proposed an amendment that would recommend an alternative name for single family zones, such as Neighborhood Residential, and amend the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan to implement this change
- OPCD stated this amendment could be more appropriately addressed through next Major Update to the Comprehensive Plan
- Planning Commission recommends moving the effort to rename single family zoning forward sooner than the Major Update
- This change could serve to inform the policy process considering alternatives to single family zoning

Questions/Discussion